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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CHAMBER VISIT TO VIETNAM

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1. THE FIVE-MAN DELEGATION FROM THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, HONG KONG (REFTEL), RETURNED FROM THEIR ONE WEEK TRIP TO VIETNAM OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY THE VIP TREATMENT THEY HAD RECEIVED AND OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE VIETNAMESE/ AMERICAN TRADE. THE GROUP, LEADE BY AMCHAM PRESIDENT MIKE EMMONS, CALLED ON CONGEN TO REPORT ON THEIR TRIP AND ON THEIR FUTURE PLANS.

2. AS GUEST OF THE SRV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE GROUP TOURED VIETNAM FROM JUNE 19-26 AND MET WITH NUMEROUS SRV OFFICIALS INCLUDING SENIOR VICE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE DONG VIET CHAU. INVITED TO TRAVEL WHERE THEY WISHED (AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE), THE DELEGATION TOURED HANOI, SAIGON AND EVEN SPENT A DAY AT THE BEACH IN VUNG TAU.
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3. AMCHAM PREISDENT EMMONS STATED TO CONGEN THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR OF LIFTING THE TRADE EMBARGO ON VIETNAM PRIOR TO THE TRIP AND WAS EVEN MORE IN FAVOR OF ITS REMOVAL NOW. HE NOTED THAT VIETNAM WAS AGREEABLE TO TRADE BEFORE FULL NORMALIZATION AND HE SAID AMCHAM HONG KONG WOULD PRESS HARD FOR A CHANGE IN THE ADMINISTRATION POSITION ON THIS

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4. CONGEN WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON THE VARIOUS DE-
TAILED BRIEFINGS THE DELEGATION RECEIVED FROM SRV OFFICIALS.
A COPY OF THE AMCHAM DELEGATION PRESS RELEASE IS BEING
SENT SEPTEL.
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